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When hunting or transporting migratory game birds, you must have on your person a valid Canada migratory game bird hunting permit in addition to any required provincial hunting licence.

The permit is available at post offices for \$3.50.

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Regulations for hunters of migratory game birds

Equipment

- No person shall hunt using a shotgun of any kind capable of holding more than three shells in the magazine and chamber combined; a rifle or shotgun loaded with a single bullet; or any weapon other than a long bow and arrow or a shotgun not larger than number 10 gauge.
- No person shall have with him, for his own use, more than one shotgun, unless each shotgun in excess of one is unloaded and disassembled or unloaded and cased.
- No person shall shoot from any aircraft, sailboat, power boat, or motorized vehicle, or any vehicle to which a draught animal is attached.
- No person shall use a boat, aircraft, or motor vehicle to disturb birds with the object of driving them towards a hunter.
- No person shall use live birds as decoys, or recorded bird calls.

Time

- No person shall hunt at any time throughout the year except during the open season as described in the schedule.
- No person shall hunt during any day after he has taken his bag limit.
- No person shall hunt earlier than one-half hour before sunrise or later than one-half hour after sunset.

Place

- No person shall hunt within 400 metres of any area baited with grain or other food.

Retrieval

- It is permitted to retrieve a dead or injured migratory game bird by the use of a power boat.
- No person shall kill, cripple or wound a migratory game bird without making all reasonable efforts to retrieve it. The retrieved bird shall be killed immediately and included in the hunter's daily bag limit.

Possession and transport

- No person shall possess or transport a migratory game bird unless at least one wing and the plumage thereof remains attached to the bird. Such a wing and plumage may be removed
 - a. when the bird is prepared for immediate cooking, or,
 - b. after the bird is taken to the residence of the owner for preservation.

Eggs and nests

- No person shall take, injure, or destroy the eggs or nests of migratory birds at any time.

Uses

- No person shall buy or sell migratory birds.
- No Canada migratory game bird hunting permit is required to hunt murres in the open season Sept 1 to March 30.

Provincial regulations

- Hunters of migratory game birds are advised to check provincial regulations for additional restrictions.

Open seasons – All dates inclusive

Area	Ducks (other than scoter, eider, and Oldsquaw ducks), Geese (other than Brant) and Wilson's Snipe	Scoter, eider, and Oldsquaw ducks
Northern Labrador	Sept 1 to Nov 30	Sept 9 Dec 16
Southern Labrador	Sept 1 to Nov 30	Sept 11 to Nov 11 and Jan 24 to Mar 10
Northern coastal region	Sept 9 to Nov 30	Nov 21 to Mar 10
Southern coastal region	Sept 9 to Nov 30	Dec 1 to Mar 10
Avalon-Burin coastal region	Sept 23 to Nov 30	Dec 1 to Mar 10
Avalon-Burin inland region	Sept 23 to Nov 30	No open season
Inland region	Sept 9 to Nov 30	No open season

Bag and possession limits

	Ducks (other than mergansers)	Mergansers	Geese	Wilson's Snipe
Daily bag	6 a.	6	5	10
Possession	12 a.	12	10	20

- a. Except that in Labrador a total of 25 scoter, eider and Oldsquaw ducks may be taken daily and in the coastal regions 12 may be taken daily, with a possession limit of 50 and 24 respectively.



Northern Coastal Region extends northward from Little Harbour Deep to Cape Bauld, through the Straits of Belle Isle and the Gulf of St. Lawrence to Point Riche and includes all coastal islands.

Southern Coastal Region extends southward from Point Riche to Terrenceville and northward from Sunnyside to Little Harbour Deep and includes all coastal islands.

Avalon-Burin Coastal Region is the remainder of the coast of Newfoundland within 100 yards of the mean low-tide mark southward from Terrenceville to Sunnyside and includes all coastal islands.

Avalon-Burin Inland Region is that portion of Newfoundland lying south of Highway Number 210 commencing at Terrenceville, to its junction with Highway Number 211 then easterly to Highway 210, then northeasterly to its junction with Highway No. 1 then southerly to the junction of and following the local road easterly to Sunnyside.

Inland Region is the remainder of the Island of Newfoundland, other than the Northern Coastal Region, the Southern Coastal Region, the Avalon-Burin Coastal Region and the Avalon-Burin Inland Region.

Penalty

Every person who violates any provision of this act or any regulation shall, for each offence, be liable upon summary conviction to a fine of not more than \$300 and not less than \$10, or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or to both fine and imprisonment.

No person who has been convicted of a hunting offense under this Act or any regulations shall apply for or hold a Canada migratory game bird hunting permit within one year from the date of his conviction.

Note

The above is a summary of the law. For complete information write

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